Maritime Development Policy

2744. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Maritime Development Policy;

(b) the details of initiatives undertaken under Maritime Development Policy in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the details of ports identified for upgradation of infrastructure in ports of Andhra Pradesh under Maritime Development Policy?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The proposed Maritime Policy is under finalization.

NHDP strengthening work

†2745. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount for strengthening work on projects chosen under NHDP within stipulated period by NHAI, is not being sanctioned by Government; and

(b) if so, which amongst NHAI or his Ministry is accountable for poor maintenance of roads during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) National Highways are maintained in traffic worthy conditions by Ministry, through National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)/State Public Works Departments/Border Roads Organisation, as the case may be, till the stretch is taken over by contractor/concessionaire.

Charging of toll

2746. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of toll roads that are being managed by Government and by contractors; and

(b) whether there is a clause that as agreed upon return on the investment on the road is recovered, charging of tolls should be stopped, especially as cess is also being collected from sale of petrol/diesel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The number of toll roads that are being managed by Government and Contractors (Public and Private) on National Highways are as follows:—

Managed by Government	—	68
Managed by Contractors	—	32

(b) No, Sir. As per the National Highways (fee for the use of national highways section

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and permanent bridge public funded projects) Rules 1997, the fee shall be collected in perpetuity. In case of Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT)/Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) projects after expiry of the concession period, the section will revert back to the executing agency and the fee shall be continued to be collected by the executing agency.

Revival package for HSL

2747. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for Rehabilitation-cum-Revival package of Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam of Rs. 833.68 crores;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken by Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T R. BAALU): (a) to (c) A Revival Package in the form of Rehabilitation-cum-Financial Restructuring of Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) is under active consideration of the Government. The said Revival Package is intended to turn around the yard so that it could compete in the global market and cash in on the global boom in shipbuilding/shiprepair sector. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has also emphasized on the need for such package for HSL. A Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted in this regard, has considered it and made certain recommendations. A final proposal containing, *inter-alia*, the recommendations of the GoM shall be placed for the approval of the competent authority.

(d) Not applicable.

Funds provided and spent for road development

†2748. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed, estimated cost and total sanctioned funds for the development of roads in the country till date;

(b) the quantum of funds provided by World Bank, Asian Development Bank and other international financial institutions for the development of roads in the country during the last three years; and

(c) the actual amount spent in this regard, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Road accidents and road safety

2749. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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